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SUBJECT: SOVIET VIEWS ON DATE FOR MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

FROM US MBFR REP

1. AT REQUEST OF SOVIET REP KHLESTOV, US REP MET WITH KHLESTOV
AND MOVCHAN ON JUNE 8. KHLESTOV SAID HE HAD RECEIVED NEW
INSTRUCTIONS FROM MOSCOW ON THE QUESTION OF THE NEGOTIATION
DATE. HE WISHED TO PROPOSE LANGUAGE FOR INCLUSION IN THE DRAFT
COMMUNIQUE NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION AS FOLLOWS: " THE
UNDERSTANDING
HAS BEEN REACHED THAT THE PRECISE DATE OF THE BEGINNING OF THE
NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE DETERMINED THROUGH AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS
AMONG STATES WHO ARE POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS IN POSSIBLE AGREE-
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MENTS."

2. KHESTOV COMMENTED THAT HE INTENDED TO PUT FORWARD THIS FORMULA IN QUADRILATERAL DISCUSSION LATER SAME DAY. US REP REVIEWED REASONS FOR INADEQUACY OF THIS POSITION. KHESTOV THEN SAID HE HAD A SECOND POINT FOR INCLUSION IN THE COMMUNIQUE WHICH HE WISHED TO PRESENT FOR REACTION OF THE US AUTHORITIES PRIOR TO DISCUSSING IT WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN VIENNA, AS FOLLOWS: " THE UNDERSTANDING HAS BEEN REACHED THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BEGIN BEFORE THE END OF 1973." KHESTOV SAID HE WOULD NOT ADVANCE THIS LANGUAGE BEFORE HEARING THE US REACTION TO IT.

3. US REP ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYTHING MORE IN THE SOVIET INSTRUCTIONS. KHESTOV SAID HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO SAY, FOR US EYES ONLY, THAT, IN CONNECTION WITH THE POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF SUCH A FORMULA IN A COMMUNIQUE, THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES WISHED TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINT: " THE SOVIET SIDE AS BEFORE PROCEEDS FROM THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE PRECISE DATE OF THE BEGINNING OF THE NEGOTIATIONS ON FORCE REDUCTIONS SHOULD BE DETERMINED TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE TIME OF COMPLETION OF THE EUROPEAN CONFERENCE."

4. US REP SAID HE WOULD FORWARD THESE POINTS TO WASHINGTON AND ASK FOR REACTION. KHESTOV REQUEST RAPID REACTION BECAUSE, IF SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE IS CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE, BY THE US, HE WOULD LIKE TO BE IN A POSITION TO WIND UP THE VIENNA TALKS IN NEAR FUTURE BY ISSUING THE COMMUNIQUE, POSSIBLY IN PLENARY ON JUNE 12.

5. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS ON ABOVE, IF POSSIBLE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS LOCAL TIME JUNE 9. Humes UNQUOTE RUSH

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